Non-implementation of Government fixed prices

459. SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2883 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd September, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Flucort range of formulations are still being sold at old higher risk prices;

(b) what is the period within which the prices fixed by Government are to be implemented according to Drugs Price Control Order; 1987;

(c) what are the details of betches produced after the fixation of reduced prices and when were these batches introduced in the market;

(d) what are the names of medicines for which his Ministry reduced the prices during the year 1990 and in how many cases, the price have not been implemented so far; and

(e) what are the reasons for non implementation in each case and what are the details of action taken?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) The Company has informed that they have implemented the price fixed by the Government.

(b) As per the provisions of DPCO 1987, the revised prices are required to be implemented within 15 days of the receipt of the order.

(c) Details will be collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) and (e) The price revision is a continuous exercise in which both decrease and increase take place. The information asked for is too voluminous and is not commensurate with the results likely to be achieved. However, whenever instances of the non-implementation of the price comes to the notice of the Government, necessary action as per the provisions of DPCO, 1987 is taken.

Prices of Dexamethasone Formulations

460. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the manufacturers of Dexamethasone formulations for human and veterinary use are over charging the prices;

(b) what are the fixed prices of these formulations and since when these are applicable;

(c) what are the prices at which these are being sold at present;

(d) what is the notified price of Dexamethasone and its salts and when were these prices fixed;

(e) whether it is a fact that Dexamethasone is being imported in the country;

(f) if so, what is the landed price of the same and at what price the formulation prices have been fixed;

(g) whether it is a fact that Dexamethasone is being produced in the country from intermediate stage; and

(h) if so, names of intermediate and the names of the producers producing from this stage?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) M/s. Megind (I) Ltd. is charging the prices of Dexamethasone formulations based on the stay granted to the company by the Bombay High Ciurt. The prices in respact of the other companies are being verified.

(b) Ceiling prices as fixed by the Government under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 in respect of some packs are given below:—

Dexamethasone	21	5 mg. P. Tab. 10x10's 1000's	Rs. 14·92 Rs. 96·04
Dexamethasone Phosphate	21	4mg/ml. 20mg/p.ml.	2 ml. vial Rs. 5·56 5 ml. vial Rs. 127·89

(d) A price of Rs. 92/- per gram for Dexamethasone Pure and Rs. 97/- per gram for Dexamethasone 21 Phosphate was notified on 10th November, 1989.

(e) A part of requirements of Dexamethasone and its salts are imported into the country.

(f) The landed cost of import of Deramethasone and its salts during 1989-90 was Rs. 83.86 per gram.

(g) Yes, Sir.

(h) The name of the intermediates from which companies are producing the drugs are being ascertained.

Revision of prices of bulk drugs

461. SHRI DAYANAND SAHEY:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of bulk drugs for which the prices have been fixed/revised after January, 1990;

(b) what were their earlier prices and what are their revised prices and what is the percentage change with date of effecting such changes in each case;

(c) when the prices of formulations based on such changes in the prices of bulk drugs were fixed;

(d) whether it is a fact that number of manufacturers have refused to implement the prices; and

(e) if so, what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) A Statement giving the details as asked for is attached. (*See* below).

(c) Prices of formulations based on these bulk drugs have already been fixed in a number of instances.

(d) and (e) Representations wherever received from the manufacturers of the bulk drugs in question have already been decided. No instance of flouting the price fixed by the Government except in the case of Chloramphenicol and Paracetamol has come to the notice of the Government. In respect of these drugs action in accordance with the due process of law is already on against the manufacturers.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the bulk drug	Unit	Earlier Price (Rs.)	Price as revised after January, 1990 with date of revision in bracket (Rs.)	Percentage increase/ decrease in price
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Ephedrine Hcl.	Kg.	1016 00	1300 00 (8-6-90)	(+)27·95
2.	Acetazolamide	Kgs.	746 00	735 64 (14-4-90)	(-)1·41